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"The U.S. Coast Guard as a Tool of Diplomacy"
外交における米国沿岸警備隊の役割

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Description:	Coast guards play a unique, and increasingly important, role in ensuring maritime safety, security, and prosperity. Key bodies of water, like the Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Guinea and the South China Sea, are becoming global hotspots for strategic competition. To avoid conflict, coast guards play a vital role in enforcing laws and regulations agreed upon by the international community. This lecture will explore the unique value proposition that coast guards offer in global safety, security, and prosperity. To do so, this lecture draws examples from both the U.S. Coast Guard and coast guards from around the world, observing how these entities are instrumental to achieving broader foreign policy goals. Coast guard activities like port visits, personnel exchanges, and combined patrols, among others, strengthens partnerships with others around the world. In particular, the U.S. Coast Guard uniquely wields both law enforcement and military authorities and effectively uses them as the mission requires. This makes the U.S. Coast Guard a unique tool of American diplomacy and a special organization dedicated to protecting a safe, secure, and prosperous ocean. **Mark Jamias** is a Mansfield Fellow from the United States Coast Guard, currently based in Tokyo, Japan. For over seven years, he has advised Coast Guard leaders, cutters, and units on foreign affairs to inform the Service's policy and operations around the globe. At the Pacific Area command, Mr. Jamias was also responsible for executing programs supporting the SAPPHIRE Agreement, a renewed effort to deepen the partnership between the Japan and U.S. Coast Guards. Prior to that, Mr. Jamias advised on maritime challenges in Africa and the Arctic and Polar regions. Mr. Jamias was a Presidential Management Fellow and, prior to the Coast Guard, served in various roles at the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Jamias completed his Bachelor's and Master of International Affairs degrees at Columbia University. **Matthew Brummer**, Ph.D., is an associate professor at GRIPS and director of the Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program (MSP). Previously, he was a Policy Innovations Fellow at Harvard University where he taught in the Department of Government. He has also worked as a consultant at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and as a contributor for The Economist.

***Language: English**
***Admission: Free**
***This seminar will be off the record.**

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The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

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The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

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